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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Docket: SPG 6611 PDUS
Samuel A. Vona Jr., et al. : Examiner: Melissa S. Mercier
Serial No.: 10/789,004 : Group Art Unit: 1615
Filing Date: February 27, 2004 : Confirmation Number: 6885
For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION TO :
ACHIEVE STABLE COLOR OF ARTIFICIALLY :
COLORED HAIR :

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed July 22, 2009 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants provide the following remarks.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 18 and 20-35 are pending in the application.

Claims 18, 20-22 and 24-34 now stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over GB 1,285,547 ("GB '547") in view of Syed et al. (EP 0 829 255), and claims 18, 20-21, 23-25, and 28-35 stand rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Paul et al. (US 6,344,183) in view of Syed et al. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over these cited references for at least the reasons set forth below.

Response to Rejections

Although the Examiner now bases the rejection of the instant claims under 35 USC § 103 (obviousness), she basically employs the same arguments as when the